



DATE: March 30, 1983

TO: Land Division File

FROM: Gerald E. Steele, DLPC/FOS-Central Region *ges*

SUBJECT: LPC #16782516 - SANGAMON CO. - SPRINGFIELD/BUERKETT #2 (31st St.)

C.I.L. RESPONSE

The letter written by Mr. Merle Buerkett, dated March 24, 1983, and received by this office on March 28, 1983, in response to the March 4, 1983, C.I.L. is deemed by this author to be inadequate. Primarily, it contains no corrective action plan other than bringing up the perimeter berm as the fill progresses. Secondly, the statements made by Mr. Buerkett are inconsistent with information obtained during site visits. The following comments are about Mr. Buerkett's responses, using the same numbering system.

Section 1021(d)

- a. Fly ash was deposited east of Pit C beginning on or about January 5, 1983. The I.D.O.T. permit addressing this filling was not issued until January 31, 1983. The IEPA permit application, submitted February 16, 1983, has yet to be acted on. While driving past the Buerkett landfill at approximately 9:00 A.M. on March 27, 1983, this author observed that fly ash continues to be placed in this area.
- c. The need for an IEPA permit for this site modification was pointed out during the January 5, 1983, inspection when the new exit was first observed by Agency personnel. The IDOT permit for this exit was not issued until January 27, 1983, and then was only good for thirty (30) days.
- d. The breaks are in the permit required levee. The levee is supposed to protect the site from flooding. Refuse has been placed at locations behind or near where the breaks occur.

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Springfield/Buerkett #2

Rules 303, 305, and 306

- a. Refuse was observed being deposited at the top of the slope at the active areas on January 18, 1983 and January 27, 1983. These were located in the south central and central parts of Pit C. Progression was toward the west and north, toward which there was roughly half of the pit's floor space remaining. Fly ash deposited east of Pit C has always been dumped from the top of the slope. The area involved measures approximately 50 yards by 150 yards.
- b. Refuse in the active area was observed exposed on January 18, 1983 (large areas of refuse and fly ash frost covered shortly after the site opened) and January 27, 1983 (refuse in the active area exposed after the site had closed). Refuse was observed protruding through available cover on January 5, 1983, January 18, 1983, and January 27, 1983.
- c. Photographs taken of the fence along Dirksen Parkway on January 17, 1983, and January 18, 1983, show some of the same litter. Large amounts of weathered litter were observed on the January 5, 1983, inspection.

This site should be forwarded to the Enforcement Decision Group because of these poor operating practices which would constitute violation of the Act.

GES/cp

Attachment

cc: DLPC/FOS, Central Region
Enforcement Decision Group
Land Enforcement Programs

16782519 - Sangamon Co. Koke Mill Lane
Spfld / Buerkett Annex Spfld, IL. 62707

Should Be 16782516 Sang. Co. March 24, 1983
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4500 S. 6th St.
Spfld, IL.

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Re: Letter dated March 4, 1983
concerning Section 1021 (d)

- a) Fly ash is being disposed of east of Pit C. with a permit from D.O.T. E.P.A. permit has been applied for.
- b) Fly ash was being disposed of after 4 P.M. for a very short time because the power plant was behind in disposing of fly ash.
- c) The exit has been permitted by D.O.T. Did not realize you need two permits to put in a new exit.
- d) The breaks which are referred to are left low so surface water can leave the site. The level will be brought up when site is elevated.

concerning rules 303, 305 and 306.

- a) Refuse is being deposited at top of slope due to the fact that we have reached the outer edge of site. No room for trucks at bottom. This has to be done so we can finish out the fill.
- b) We feel there has been 6" of cover at end of each day.
- c) Litter is picked up every day if at all possible. With rain and snow the mud is very bad to work in.

Sincerely
Mark Buerkett